GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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CLINICAL TRIALS FOR ANTI-MALARIA DRUGS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to discard the anti-malarial drug-chloroquine in favour of a new drugs combination;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether any clinical trials of the new combination of drugs have been carried out;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the number of clinical trials conducted during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE(SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) No,Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) & (d) Clinical trials of many new drug combinations have been carried out in the country. However,no clinical trial of any new drug combination to replace chloroquine have been carried out.

(e) This Ministry has permitted around 1100 clinical trials including global clinical trials during last three years and current year. However, this Ministry is not aware about the number of clinical trials actually conducted State wise during the said period in the country, as registration of clinical trials is currently not mandatory.